

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application and entry of the foregoing amendments are respectfully requested.

The specification has been amended to make reference to sequence identifiers and to include the Sequence Listing submitted herewith on separate sheets. Claims 97-115 have been cancelled without prejudice and new claims 116-134 have been added in lieu thereof and include sequence identifiers.

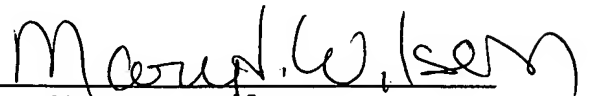
Entry of the Sequence Listing does not raise the issue of new matter as the sequence information contained therein is presented in the application as originally filed. The computer readable copy of the Sequence Listing submitted herewith is the same as the attached paper copy of that Listing.

An early and favorable Action on the merits is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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